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Theodore Roosevelt and his times. A chronicle of the new nationalism.

By Harold Howland. [The chronicles of America. Edited by Allen Johnson under the supervision of the committee on publications of the Yale university council.] (New Haven: Yale university press, 1921. 239 p.)

The career of Theodore Roosevelt was so many-sided and so full of human interest that although he has been dead only three years, probably more books have been written about him already than about any other American except George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. To this flood of biographies Harold Howland has added the volume under consideration.

As the book is in the *Chronicles of America* series, the author of necessity found himself restricted to writing a rather brief outline rather than an exhaustive work. Upon the whole, he has performed his task as well as the narrow limits assigned him would permit, and he has brought out the salient facts of Roosevelt's career in a readable way. For a considerable period the author and Colonel Roosevelt were associated together on the staff of the *Outlook*, and naturally Mr. Howland speaks with most authority concerning matters that fall within this period. Upon some of these matters he is able to cast interesting side lights. For example, he tells in considerable detail the story of the events that led up to Roosevelt's throwing his hat in the ring in the campaign of 1912. The joint appeal of the seven republican governors that he enter the contest was, it appears, arranged in advance for its political effect. The attitude of the author toward President Wilson and Secretary of War Baker is a hostile one, particularly in the matter of their refusal to accept Roosevelt's offer to lead volunteers to France. He quotes (page 271) a conversation overheard by him in 1912 in which Roosevelt admitted to Jack Greenway, a former Rough Rider, that he would be glad to die in battle fighting for his country. There are many Americans who think it a tragedy that he was deprived of that right. The book has a good index and a short bibliography, in which, strange to say, there is no mention of Bishop's book.

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My brother Theodore Roosevelt. By Corinne Roosevelt Robinson. (New York: Charles Scribner's sons, 1921. 365 p. \$3.00)

The author has succeeded in demonstrating more clearly than any other of Mr. Roosevelt's many biographers, that his greatest contribution to his country and his time was personality, was Theodore Roosevelt himself. With a difference of only three years in their ages, their relationships were most intimate for over fifty years. Moreover, Mrs. Robinson served as counselor to her brother during the several stages of his career and the conversations and letters between them, freely quoted,